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THE EMERALD ISLE.

THE FOLLOWING BEAUTIFUL EFFUSION BEARS THE NAME OF OUR PATRIOTIC BARD, MR. PHILLIPS.

Lines addressed to Walter Scott, in consequence of his Invocation to Ireland, in the Vision of Don Roderick; ending, "Strike the loudest tone of thy bold Harp, green Isle; the Hero is thy own."

ALAS! Border Minstrel, the summons is vain,
For unstrung is the harp, and forgotten the strain,
Which Erin once sung in her pride;
And now robb'd of the glories that circled her reign,
To the heart-rending clank of a Conqueror's chain,
All tuneless, she wanders the desolate plain,
With the blood of her Patriots dyed!

Gone are the days when the Western gale
Awoke ev'ry voice of the lake and the vale,
With the harp, and the lute, and the lyre;
When Justice uplifted her adamant shield,
While Valour and Freedom illumin'd the field
With a sword and a plumage of fire!

And *now*, Border Minstrel, the *Bigot* and *Slave*
Pollute the pure land of the *free-born Brave*,
The land of the Sigh and the Smile!
Then accurs'd be the recreant heart that could sing,
And wither'd the hand that would waken the string,
Till the Angel of Liberty wave her wild wing
Again o'er the EMERALD ISLE!

DISCOVERIES AND IMPROVEMENTS IN ARTS, MANUFACTURES, &c.

Specification of the Patent granted to John Fraser, Collector of Natural History, now of Sloane-square, Chelsea, in the parish of St. Luke, in the county of Middlesex; for a discovery, and finding out of certain Vegetables, and a way of preparing the same, so as they may be usefully employed in the manufacturing of Hats, Bonnets, Chair-bottoms, and Baskets, and for other articles and purposes. Dated October 15, 1810.

TO all to whom these presents shall come, &c. now know ye, that the said John Fraser doth, by this instrument in writing, under his hand and seal duly executed, describe and ascertain the nature of his said invention, and the method by which the same may be performed; that is to say: The said John Fraser collects or gathers the leaves (otherwise called branches) of all, or any of the different species of the palm tribe of plants, growing spontaneously on the continent, and islands of North and South America, and in other parts beyond the seas, but more particularly in tropical climates, and may be there cultivated, and are described in the writings of the celebrated Linnæus, and other authors, before the said leaves are of matured growth. And he suspends the same in the air in the shade, in order that they may become well bleached and dry; or otherwise he causes the same to be so collected, bleached, and dried, and in this state he transports them to the place of manufacture. And farther, prepares the same for use by cutting off more or less the outer extremities, where the leaves taper and are thinnest, and from the inner extremities, where the material